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1. Mr. [redacted] of FOA, informed me that the investigation of the International Materiels Conference (IMC), which was formerly being considered by the McCarthy Subcommittee, had now been transferred to a Subcommittee of the Senate Interior Committee headed by Sen. Malone (R., Nev.). The Subcommittee has been given access to the complete State Department files on IMC, including interoffice and classified material. An agreement was reached with State that Committee staff personnel could review all this material in the presence of a State Department official (Willis Armstrong or his staff), and that no classified documents could be removed without the approval of the Under Secretary of State. The initial phase of the investigation goes into the setting up of IMC and includes discussions with other foreign governments. The Committee is asking the Office of Defense Mobilization for access to the DPA files on this subject. Meanwhile, Governor Stassen, learning of the agreement with State, has requested that it be reconsidered, and that the Committee not have free hand in going through the files. Governor Stassen feels that the Committee should not have internal documents or intelligence material.

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I have asked Mr. Amory [redacted]

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[redacted] matters so that we can in turn ascertain whether any

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[redacted] are involved in the files to which the Committee will have access.

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3. Congressman Ford (R., Mich.) is currently touring the Far East. The Congressman is a member of the Armed Services Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee. In a memorandum from

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[redacted] it is reported that Mr. Ford expressed doubt about the effectiveness of so many American agencies operating in the foreign field. He also apparently noticed the differences in salaries as among the personnel working for the various agencies. It is not known whether Congressman Ford was in contact with any CIA personnel during this trip.

4. Senator McCarthy has announced that the pressure of other business has at least temporarily put off his trip to the Far East. As a result, it is presumed that there will not be any immediate need to brief the Senator.

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5. Gen. Cabell informed Senator Bricker by long distance telephone that there was additional information on the [redacted] [redacted], but the Senator agreed with our estimate that it was not necessary for him to come to Washington from Columbus or for us to send out a courier with the information. The Senator is expected in Washington on 15 September and will be in touch with Gen. Cabell at that time.

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7. At the suggestion of Mr. Arens, of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, Mr. George Vondermuhll, of the Moral Rearmament Organization, called to state that an MRA delegation of Japanese were to be in Washington during the coming week. The delegation was to include Mr. Murai, Chief of the Cabinet Research Center, and an outstanding expert on subversive activities, and Mr. Suzuki, former police chief in Osaka. Mr. Vondermuhll suggested that it might be appropriate for Mr. Murai to call on Mr. Dulles. I discussed this

25X1A matter with Mr. [redacted] who informed me that there were already full arrangements for receiving Mr. Murai at CIA. In accordance with Mr. [redacted] suggestion, I informed Mr. Vondermuhll of our appreciation at his thoughtfulness, but that in view of protocol if any steps were to be taken CIA would initiate them through the Japanese Embassy.